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**I. Claims 1-15 Define Patentable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Applicant's allegedly admitted prior art as described in International Telecommunications Union Recommendation G.994.1 entitled, "Handshake Procedures for Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Transceivers" (hereinafter

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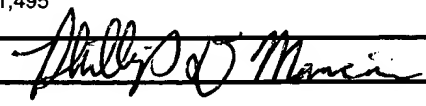
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